

Elected an ANS member in 1910.

Resigned in 1917? [Not on card.]

Pier, Garrett Chatfield

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[Greenwich, CT]

GREENWICH, CONN.

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GARRETT CHATFIELD PIER
EXPERT OPINION ON ART OBJECTS,
COLLECTIONS, CATALOGUES, ETC.

The American Numismatic Society
Dear Sirs:

I find that living
in the country makes it
wellnigh impossible to enjoy
any of the privileges of
membership in the Society
so desire to have

my name taken off the
books.

Yours, with- regret,
Garrett C. Pien

February 28th, 1917.

Garrett Chatfield Pier, Esq.,
Greenwich, Conn.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of January 26th asking for action on your resignation as an Associate Member of this Society. Our Council will meet March 10th, at which time I will present your letter for their action. In the meantime, may I ask you to seriously consider a few facts? You state your reason for withdrawing from our Society as "living in the country makes it wellnigh impossible to enjoy any of the privileges of membership". Associate membership entitles you to the "American Journal of Numismatics", the only book of its kind published on this side of the Atlantic, and highly artistic and scientific, holding its own with anything in the world. Its high ideals and constant improvement commend it to all. You also receive the more popular "Numismatist" every month. Of even greater importance to our members is our service through our resident corps, composed of the majority of true numismatists to be found in this country. If you will but ask of us anything relating to medals, ancient or modern currency, etc., you will promptly find that we can satisfy you. This institution is a working museum, where the material and the expert are found together. In one of the lines that interests you, we have just received the world's greatest collection of Far Eastern coins, our own collections are the best to be found in any museum, and a private collection recently brought here is probably the third largest in the world. Therefore we have the greatest number of currency specimens of the Far East the world will ever see under one roof! These thousands of pieces of China's ancient barter and the beginnings of her currency are a marvelous archeological exhibit of early handicraft. Our staff can aid you here.

You, also, can help and encourage us by associating with us, and giving us a chance to cooperate with you. Residence in

New York is not essential for keeping in touch with us. Have you not some numismatic puzzles that we can solve for you?

Should you change your mind about your resignation, I will gladly withhold your letter from the Council.

Hoping you can get in to see our treasures and become better acquainted with us soon, I am,

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

sent letter to Greenwich, Conn.

April 25th, 1917.

Mr. Garrett Chatfield Pier,
4613 Drexel Boulevard,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

As I received no reply from you to my letter of February 28th I was prepared to present your resignation to the Council, but found you were in arrears for dues for 1916 and the Council could not act on the resignation..

May I not call your attention to the suggestion in my previous letter, and look forward to retaining you on our roll?

The marvelous Far Eastern collection of the late Henry A. Ramsden, of Yokohama, is almost entirely in order and exhibits a great many rarities unknown in this country and Europe.

The very important Indian collection, the Durkee Bequest, has been placed on permanent loan here by the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Permit me to reiterate that we believe we can be of service to you through the post as well as by personal contact.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.